



**AMHERST TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 8, 2022**

***As amended at the Deliberative Session February 9, 2022***

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Amherst will be held in accordance with NH RSA 40:13. The first session, to transact all business other than voting, is on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Souhegan High School Auditorium. The second session, voting by official ballot at the polls, is on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Souhegan High School from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 21:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms as follows:

- 2 Selectmen for 3 Years**
- 1 Town Moderator for 2 Years**
- 1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years**
- 3 Library Trustees for 3 Years**
- 2 Planning Board Members for 3 Years**
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 Years**
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 Years**
- 1 Zoning Board of Adjustment Member for 3 Years**

**ARTICLE 22: Operating Budget**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling **\$15,518,154**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$14,928,440** which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article. (Tax Impact = \$3.96) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 23: Contingency Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year, in accordance with NH RSA Section 31:98-a, for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred-twenty thousand dollars (**\$120,000**) to go into the fund. Said sum shall come from the undesignated fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*  
*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 24: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*  
*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 25: Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*  
*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 26: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.09) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*  
*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0-)*

**ARTICLE 27: Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$257,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.11) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*  
*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 28: DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement CRF**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) to be added to the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.05) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0)*  
*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 29: Amherst Multimodal Facilities CRF**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.03) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 30: Village Area Multimodal Road Infrastructure Design & Engineering**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-eight thousand dollars (\$98,000) for the purpose of design engineering for reconstruction and safety improvements for bicycles and pedestrians on streets in the village area that are scheduled for reconstruction by the Department of Public Works, and the development of application materials for state, federal, and private grant programs.

This shall be a special, non-lapsing warrant article that will not lapse for a period of five years. (Tax Impact = \$0.04) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 31: Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction CRF**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.02) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 32: Elderly, Blind and Disabled Exemption**

Shall the Town vote to modify the elderly, blind, and disabled exemptions from property tax in the Town of Amherst, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows:

For elderly persons:

- 65 years of age up to 74 years inclusive, an exemption of \$ 104,120. (formerly \$76,000);
- 75 years of age up to 79 years inclusive, an exemption of \$ 156,180. (formerly \$114,000);
- 80 years of age or older, an exemption of \$ 206,870. (formerly \$151,000); and

For blind persons of any age:

- an exemption of \$ 50,690. (formerly \$37,000); and

For disabled persons of any age:

- an exemption of \$ 89,050. (formerly \$65,000); and

For the elderly and the disabled exemptions only

- a net income of not more than \$ 49,960. (formerly \$41,760) for a single person, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$ 67,640. (formerly \$57,000); and
- own assets not in excess of \$ 165,000. (formerly \$150,000) excluding the value of the person's residence in accordance with RSA 72:39-a.

To qualify for any of the above exemptions, a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years (5 years for the disabled person), own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five(5)years. (Estimated Tax Impact: .03 Cents per Thousand)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)*

**ARTICLE 33: New Hampshire Resolution to Stop the Puppy Mill Pipeline (By Petition)**

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Amherst; to see if the town will go on record opposing the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet stores in the town. This resolution is necessary because the majority of dogs and cats sold in pet stores are sourced from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities commonly called “puppy mills.” The record of this vote shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the town’s state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire. (Tax Impact = \$0.00)